

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-256

Date 11 June 1963

TO : General Counsel

SUBJECT : Request by the Attorney General to Review CIA Information
Concerning the Attorney General Prior to its Dissemination
REFERENCE: Memorandum for DDCI from Chief, SAS, Subject as above,
dated 3 June 1963 with attachments

1. Reference is made to the attached request by the Attorney General to review CIA information concerning the Attorney General prior to its dissemination, and to the study by the Chief, Special Affairs Staff, as forwarded through the Deputy Director (Plans).

2. It seems to me that in spite of the obvious, sensitive, political nature of the request, the intelligence community cannot adequately perform its functions under the restraints proposed by Mr. Nolan of the Attorney General's office. If we were to comply with the Attorney General's request, similar treatment should likewise be afforded the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and every other Cabinet member as well as many other senior officials of the government. I can see no justification from an intelligence viewpoint for complying with this request either because of the assigned functions of the Attorney General or because of the relationship of the Attorney General to the President. However, I am as sensitive to the delicacies of this matter as is anyone else and, before indicating any action outside of the Agency, I would like you to prepare a brief of a possible approach to Mr. Nolan or the Attorney General by you. In order to fortify yourself as well as myself, I would like you, in collaboration with DD/P, to work up a reasonable number of similar reports which would involve the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and other senior officials of this government along similar lines as those put forward in the attached study and those to which the Attorney General apparently offered objection.

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3. If the foregoing is profitable, it would then appear to be logical for you to talk to Mr. Nolan in order to dissuade the Attorney General from his basic request and possibly even to dissuade him from establishing the type of direct, personal contact which leads to such reports in the first place.

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